

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit ~~residential~~ building, comprising;  
a concrete foundation;  
a number of residential units constructed ~~[[on]]~~ above the concrete foundation, wherein at least some of the number of units are positioned bordering at least a portion of an atrium having at least a public portion formed ~~[[on]]~~ above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the atrium;  
the public portion having a common area for ingress and egress from outside the building connected to the atrium;  
a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein the building has a number of levels and wherein the concrete foundation is on a first level and the atrium extends upward through a number of levels.

38. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein the common area has an elevator therein.

39. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit ~~residential~~ building, comprising;  
a common entryway leading to an atrium, the atrium bordered by a number  
of private residential units in which the residents reside for ingress  
and egress of residents to and from their units, the atrium having a  
public area formed therein;  
the number of units each having a semi-public area formed from at least a  
portion of the atrium and wherein each said semi-public area is  
adjacent to the public area, the number of units each having a front  
entrance to the unit facing to the atrium;  
wherein the building includes a number of levels stacked one above another,  
each level includes a number of units bordering at least a portion of  
an atrium, the number of units bordering the atrium having an  
entrance to the unit facing the atrium, and wherein a number of levels  
have a floor that acts as an upper boundary for one atrium and a  
lower boundary for another atrium.

40. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 39,  
wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the front entrance.

41. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 39,  
wherein the entryway is connected to a number of different atriums each having a  
number of units bordering the atrium.

42. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 41,  
wherein a number of units are arranged back to back such that the back of one unit  
faces one atrium and the back of the other unit faces the other atrium.

43. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 39,  
wherein each unit includes a semi-public unit area proximate to the unit and wherein

the atrium includes a public area positioned between each unit and each semi-public area.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

46. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 39, wherein each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that access from the public area to each of the units as accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the front entrance of the unit.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently Amended) The building of claim 39, wherein the building includes a public area within each atrium, each said ~~semi-public~~ semi-private area associated with and proximate to a particular unit and front door into the particular unit.

49. (Currently Amended) The building of claim 48, wherein each said front door is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit via the unit's associated and proximate ~~semi-public~~ semi-private area.

50. (Currently Amended) The building of claim 39, wherein each ~~semi-public~~ semi-private area is adjacent to a particular unit.

51. (Previously Presented) The building of claim 35, wherein the building includes a first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of a first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the atrium;

a second level having a second number of units bordering the atrium; and  
a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium.

52. (Currently Amended) The building of claim 51, wherein the second level includes a public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of semi-public areas wherein each semi-public area is adjacent to a portion of the public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and a ~~primary~~ an entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from one of the atriums.

53. (Currently Amended) A multiple unit ~~residential~~ building, comprising;  
a concrete foundation;  
a number of residential units constructed ~~[[on]]~~ above the concrete foundation, the number of units bordering at least a portion of an atrium having at least a public portion formed ~~[[on]]~~ above the concrete foundation, each unit including a semi-public area adjacent to an entrance into the unit and adjacent to the atrium;  
a common area for ingress and egress from outside the building connected to the atrium; and  
a number of levels and wherein the concrete foundation is on a first level and the atrium extends upward through a number of levels.

54. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 53, wherein the building has a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

55. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein each unit has a foyer adjacent to the front entrance.

56. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein each unit includes a semi-public unit area proximate to the unit and wherein the atrium includes a public area positioned between each unit and each semi-public area.

57. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 35, wherein each of the semi-public areas is arranged such that access from the public area to each of the units is accomplished by passing through one of the semi-public areas and through the front entrance of the unit.

58. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 53, wherein the building includes a first level having a floor forming a lower boundary of a first atrium thereon and a first number of units bordering the atrium;  
a second level having a second number of units bordering the atrium; and  
a third level having a floor and a third number of units bordering a second atrium, wherein the floor of the third level acts as an upper boundary for the first atrium and a lower boundary for the second atrium.

59. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 58, wherein the second level includes a public area within the first atrium for ingress and egress of residents to the second number of units, a number of semi-public areas wherein each semi-public area is adjacent to a portion of the public area and associated with and proximate to a particular unit of the second number of units and a primary entry door into the particular unit that is positioned for entry of an individual into the unit from one of the atriums.

60. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 39, wherein the building has a number of levels including a basement located below the atrium.

61. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 60, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

62. (Currently Amended) The multiple unit ~~residential~~ building of claim 54, wherein the basement includes a number of parking spaces for parking automobiles.

63. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein at least some of the number of residential units are constructed on the concrete foundation.

64. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the public portion is formed on the concrete foundation.

65. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the atrium is formed on the concrete foundation.

66. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 35, wherein the basement is formed on the concrete foundation.

67. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 51, wherein the first level is not adjacent to the second level.

68. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 51, wherein the second level is not adjacent to the third level.

69. (New) A multiple unit building, comprising;  
a number of levels stacked one above another and having a number of units  
on each level;  
multiple atriums, each bordered by a number of residential units in which the  
residents reside, the atrium having a public area formed therein, and  
the number of units each having an entrance to the unit facing to the  
atrium.
70. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 69, wherein at least one of the  
atriums extends upward through a number of levels.
71. (New) The multiple unit building of claim 69, wherein each atrium extends  
through one or more different levels of the building.